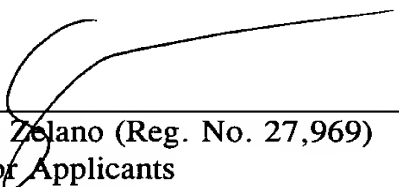


in view of the overlapping inventorships involved. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn for this reason at least for resolution on an inter partes basis, rather than applicants filing a Declaration under Rule 131.

Thus, the rejection based on '736 should be withdrawn. The same is also true with respect to WO 94/18983 which was published more than one year prior to November 21, 1996, the filing date of the parent application, Serial No. 08/752,948, but not before March 2, 1993.

As for the double-patenting rejection, any issues raised therein would clearly be most appropriately settled in interference proceedings.

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